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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT:

Recapitulation of ORR's Role in Providing Information on Soviet Bloc Commentaries of the Hearings Before the Subcommittee on Economic Statistics of the

Joint Economic Committee of Congress

1. This memorandum is in response to your request of last Monday.

- a. A report on the principal Pravda article of 28 November commenting on Mr. Dulles' statement before the Subcommittee was forwarded by this Office to the DCI for his information on 3 December 1959. Another short report forwarded on 18 December 1959 by this Office to the DCI for his information dealt with an article in a Soviet agricultural newspaper, published on 29 November, which commented on Mr. Dulles' remarks before the Subcommittee.
- b. At the Deputy's meeting on 18 December 1959, the DCI asked that a compilation be made of all Soviet comments on his testimony and that this compilation be provided to Congressman Bolling. On the same date, you instructed the AD/O and myself to move out on this request. The resultant compilation was forwarded by this Office to the DCI on 31 December 1959 and was hand-carried by the Legislative Counsel to Congressman Bolling on 6 January 1960.

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c. At a meeting on 20 January, which was attended by you. and others, the DCI told Congressman Bolling that a compilation would be prepared for him of Soviet Bloc commentaries on the hearings before the Subcommittee. The final report, copies of which were sent to your office on 16 March, included Soviet Bloc commentaries, rather than Soviet comments only, on the Subcommittee

25X1A hearings in general rather than just on Mr. Dulles' remarks. translated many additional articles (for example, Soviet journals issued in January and not available here for translation until some time in February) and sent the translated material to ORR where it was received on 29 February. The physical problem of retyping all of the material and performing some editing on it took from 29 February until 16 March.

2. On 24 March, Mr. George Cary, Jr. stated that Congressman Bolling, upon receipt of the report, was very favorably impressed.

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